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SUBJECT: NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL KAGNEW LEASE

1. IN MEETING WITH MINDEF AYALEW JULY 29 I RAISED SUBJECT OF NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL LEASE, KAGNEW, ETC. I POINTED OUT THAT I HAVE RECEIVED DISTURBING SIGNS FROM FONMIN KIFLE THAT EPMG MAY BE TRYING TO PUT PRESSURE ON USG TO PHASE OUT REMAINING KAGNEW ELEMENT. I CITED EPMG STATEMENT RELATING TO CISCO TWO ABDUCTEES WHICH CONTAINED A MISLEADING AND UNNECESSARY PHASE THAT KAGNEW "IS NOW IN ITS LAST STAGE," AS WELL AS EARLIER EPMG STATEMENT TO UN THAT USG WOULD DEPART FROM KAGNEW IN JULY 1975. NEITHER STATEMENT HAD BEEN CLEARED BY USG.

2. AYALEW ASSERTED THAT HE AND OTHERS IN EPMG ARE CONFUSED BY APPARENT CHANGE IN USG ATTITUDE, WHICH EARLIER ON HAD SEEMED TO PREDICT RAPID OBSOLESCENCE OF KAGNEW ON TECHNOLOGICAL GROUNDS. I STRONGLY REITERATED USG DESIRE, WHICH I POINTED OUT HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO FONMIN THREE MONTHS AGO, AS WELL AS LATER, TO HAVE NAVCOMUNIT STAY. I SAID THAT MEANWHILE WE SHOULD SPEEDILY NEGOTIATE A NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL, WHICH EPMG HAD HAD IN DRAFT FROM EMBASSY SINCE MARCH. AYALEW SAID HE WOULD CONVEY USG VIEWS.

3. COMMENT: AYALEW PROBABLY WAS DISSEMBLING WHEN HE PROFESSED NOT TO KNOW USG EXPRESSED INTENTION TO REMAIN IN KAGNEW. HE HAD
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(PERHAPS WISELY FROM HIS POINT OF VIEW) TRIED TO REMAIN OUTSIDE

OF MAIN KAGNEW NEGOTIATIONS. DEPT WILL RECALL THAT I OFFERED AT AN EARLIER TIME TO FURNISH FONMIN WITH OFFICIAL WRITTEN STATEMENT OF USG INTENT TO STAY BUT FONMIN SAID HE DID NOT NEED SUCH STATEMENT. I THINK WE SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT, WHICH I WOULD CONVEY IN WRITING TO FONMIN WHEN HE RETURNS FROM KAMPALA NEXT WEEK. REQUEST DEPT FURNISH BRIEF TEXT, URGING SIGNATURE OF NINTH SUPPLEMENTAL AS STARTER, AND WINDING UP WITH STATEMENT OF USG INTENT TO STAY AT KAGNEW.
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